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JOSHUA GREEN HOUSE
Havre de Grace, Md.

c. 1814

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Joshua Green House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

140 St. John Street

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

William T. Barnes

Telephone #: 939- 3264

STREET & NUMBER

622 Girard Street

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21078

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County

Liber #: 569

Folio #: 371

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

140 St. John Street is a two and a half story, three bay by one bay, rectangular frame dwelling with a gable flank roof.

German siding covers the one story frame addition on the rear. Believed to have been built in the late 18th or early 19th century, the house faces east on the corner of St. John Street and Pennington Ave. looking towards the Susquehanna River. It is thought that the northern half of the structure was originally a log house. When some clapboards on the front and north elevation were removed for replacement in 1975-1976, logs were exposed. The house, presently used as a boarding house, is in poor condition.

Across the front of the house is an above grade, one story veranda that extends one bay beyond the facade and wraps around the south elevation. It has four bays on the front, two on the side, fence railing broken by columns on stone piers and a flat roof.

All of the windows have been replaced with 1/1 lights, but appear to retain older framing.

The main entrance is in the center bay, front elevation. It has a single light transom. The door is a six panel door with the upper panel replace with glass.

The house has a slate, gable roof with a molded box cornice that returns slightly at the gable ends. At each end of the ridge is a decorative black finial, similar to those on the two front dormers. A rectangular brick chimney straddles the ridge of the roof on the north elevation. A narrow brick exterior chimney is on the rear of the wing. The dormer windows appear to have been added or replaced during the late 19th century; they have gable roofs and re sided with imbricated shingles.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

c-1814

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

140 St. John Street is of particular architectural and historical interest because part of the house is constructed of logs. When clapboards on the first floor, north side of the front elevation were removed for replacement in 1975-1976, it was discovered that they concealed logs. Further structural investigation will be necessary to determine how much of the house is log and how much is frame. Although Havre de Grace was well known throughout the 19th century as a re-shipment port for timber from Pennsylvania no other log buildings have been discovered. In addition the building may be one of the few structures to pre date the burning of the town by the British in 1813. It is located near the Susquehanna River in the oldest part of town. Unfortunately this building and others of early vintage in the 100 block of St. John Street are in poor condition.

The Commisioner's Minutes for 1814 list Joshua Green as Treasurer, Commisioner and Election Judge, and land records shown that a man of that name recieved lots 161 and 152 from Samuel Jay in 1808. The deed mentions that the lots were improved. In addtion the 1814 Tax Assesment lists a two story dwelling house of wood (32' X 18') with a one story wood addition '18' X 20') and a kitchen, valued at \$500.00 and owned by Joshua Green. The property was in the Green family or their heirs until the early 1900's. In the late 1800's a member of that family operated a Ship's Chandlery in the frame building next door, on the south which is covered or replaced competely by a modern brick structure today.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1814 Tax Assesment-
Harford County

Minutes of Commisioner's
Meetings-Havre de Grace

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marion Morton-Historic Sites Surveyor

4/5/77

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Annapolis,

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

GRG 569 371

April 15, 1961

Grantor: Joseph H. Durbin (widower)
Grantees: Cornelius Smith and Helen, his wife

JAR 164 389

Oct. 28, 1918

Grantors: Sylvester E. Penning and Alice, his wife
Grantees: Joseph H. Durbin and Olivia, his wife
Part of lot 152, square 264. "Beginning for the same at a point on the west side of St. John St. at a granite slab or stone set in the ground 1' 6" from the foundation wall of the old house.
\$500.00

WSF 109 324

June 12, 1903

Grantors: Virginia L. Frieze and William, her husband
Grantee: Sylvester E. Penning
\$500.00 lot 152 and 161 in square 264. Belonging to heirs of Joshua Green.

WSF 102 232

June 12, 1901

Grantor: William Frieze
Grantee: Elizabeth Frieze
\$1000.00

WSF 90 96

April 26, 1897

Grantor: Willie S. Frieze and Virginia L., his wife
Grantee: J. Thompson Frieze
\$1000.00

ALJ 31 130

Sept. 4, 1874

Grantor: George Green
Grantee: Elizabeth Frieze
for one hundred gold dollars

HD T 381

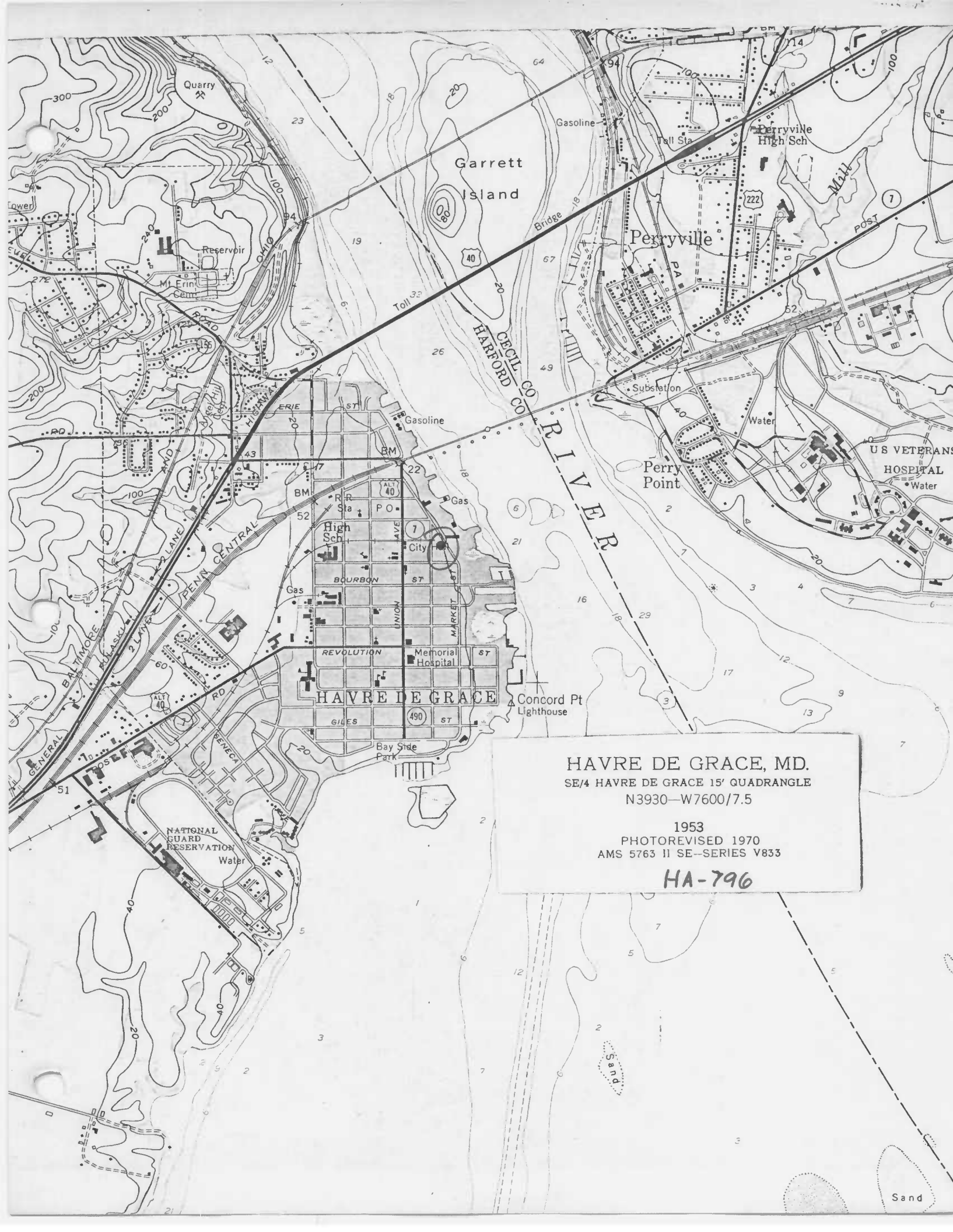
July 20, 1808

Grantor: Samuel Jay
Grantee: Joshua Green
\$120.00 2 lots with all improvements and appurtenances, 161 and 152

HD T 379

Grantor: William B. Stokes
Grantee: Samuel Jay
\$90.00 2 lots with improvements and appurtenances thereon 161 and 152

Marion Morton



HAVRE DE GRACE, MD.
SE/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE
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Joshua Green House
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East Facade

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